I would like two individuals and the companies they founded for the Breathe Easy award: Newport Biodiesel & Malloy Biodiesel. They have been not only leaders in Rhode Island, but regional leaders for the use of biodiesel throughout New England.

In 2013 and 2014, TH Malloy has used over 13,000 gallons of in their fleet, and distributed over 327,000 gallons to other fleets for on-road applications. (2015 numbers not available) Newport Biodiesel used over 65,000 gallons of biodiesel in their own fleet and in retail sales during these two years. Newport Biodiesel produces far more biodiesel for the entire region.

Jim Malloy was the pioneer, who launched the use of biodiesel in RI and he was an important factor helping to keep Newport Biodiesel a viable company in the early years. Now Newport Biodiesel is returning the favor by helping him expand the biodiesel business to Vermont. He has opened Black Bear Biodiesel there that will help expand the biodiesel market in Vermont. He provides us with grease collected in Vermont and we provide him biodiesel. Since we started working together, both of us have been working with State & Federal agencies & personnel to promote the use of biodiesel & other renewable fuels and are major stakeholders in Clean Cities.

As Chairman of The Board for Newport Biodiesel, Bob leads a company that is one of our most important and impactful stakeholders. Since their founding in 2008, Newport Biodiesel has helped our state displace over 5 million gallons of petroleum based diesel with the use of renewable, clean burning, and local biodiesel. This company is a regional leader in converting a waste product into a fuel for heating, distributed generation, and of course, transportation.

Bob Morton and Newport Biodiesel have laid important groundwork for reducing emissions in marine applications. Newport Biodiesel has made charitable contributions by providing biodiesel to the RI Tall Ship and Oliver Hazard Perry at a reduced rate. They are using a B-20 blend and plan on going to higher blends in the future. Likewise we made a donation to the nonprofit Sail Newport, which they then used to buy B-20 biodiesel to run all the generators supporting the event, and the race boats used a B-5 blend during the race from Newport to Lisbon.